

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office is requiring a species election in the above-identified application as follows:

Species A: Claim 3, drawn to where the differential measurement is carried out on two groups of probes; and

Species B: Claim 6, drawn to where the differential measurement is carried out on the same probe molecules.

Applicants provisionally elect, for search purposes only, Species A, Claim 3, drawn to where the differential measurement is carried out on two groups of probes. At least Claims 1-5 and 7-19 read on the elected species.

The claims are amended to remove improper multiple dependencies.

Support for the amendments to Claims 7, 9-10, 14-15 and 18-19 is found, respectively, for example, at corresponding originally filed Claims 7, 9-10, 14-15 and 18-19.

No new matter is added.

The objection to Claims 7-19 is mooted by the amendments of Claims 7, 9-10, 14-15, and 18-19, the amendments removing the improper multiple dependencies.

Applicants submit the present application is now in condition for examination on the merits. Early notification to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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